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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2007 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: